

1. Claims 1 and 4 through 11 are pending. Claim 1 has been amended. Claims 2 and 3 have been canceled. Applicants' claim to foreign priority of application JAPAN 2003-333159 filed September 25, 2003 is acknowledged. Applicants' amendments and arguments filed February 16, 2010 have been entered and carefully considered.

***Reasons for Allowance***

2. With regard to the prior rejection of claims 1, 2, 4 and 5 under 35 U.S.C. 103(a), Applicants have canceled claim 2 outright and have amended claim 1 to require that the first solvent be an organic solvent, the second solvent be water, and the object material be an organic hydroperoxide. Therefore, the rejection of claims 1, 4 and 5 as obvious over Bonkhoff et al. in view of Nekrasov et al. and the USEPA CLP SOW is hereby withdrawn.

3. The claimed invention is neither anticipated by, nor obvious over, the prior art.

4. Any comments considered necessary by applicant must be submitted no later than the payment of the issue fee and, to avoid processing delays, should preferably accompany the issue fee. Such submissions should be clearly labeled "Comments on Statement of Reasons for Allowance."

5. Any inquiry concerning this communication or earlier communications from the examiner should be directed to David E. Gallis whose telephone number is 571-272-9068. The examiner can normally be reached on Mon-Fri 7:00-4:00.

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